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SUBJECT: FINNISH ORDERS FOR US GRAIN

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1. FINNISH CENTRE PARTY NEWSPAPER SUOMENMAA OF DECEMBER 31 CARRIED STATEMENT BY MTA DIRECTOR HEIKKI HAAVISTO THAT A "RESERVATION" HAD BEEN MADE FOR 150,000 METRIC TONS OF US-ORIGIN CORN, IN ADDITION TO AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED.

2. EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP REVEALS THAT GRAINBOARD HAS NOT MADE ANY ORDERS OVER THE 200,000 TON LEVEL, NOR HAS GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL PURCHASES YET. 150,000 FIGURE APPEARS TO BE EXPANSION OF 100,000 TON MFA PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US MIGHT BE IMPORTED LATER, IF NEEDED (REFTEL B).

3. HAAVISTO INFORMED EMBOFF THAT 150,000 WAS MAXIMUM FURTHER AMOUNT, ALTHOUGH FINAL NEEDS WERE NOT YET DETERMINED, AND THAT "RESERVATION" CONSISTED OF ASSURANCE FROM US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THAT GRAIN WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF ORDERED. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HAAVISTO STATED HE BELIEVED ASSURANCE HAD BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH FINNISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

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4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED IF
SUCH ASSURANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO FINNS, AS ANY
MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF US GRAIN
SHOULD BE CLEARED UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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